

**The specification**

Delete the paragraph on page 3, starting at line 25 and ending on page 4, line 2. Replace this deleted paragraph with the following paragraph.

With reference to FIG. 3, the hitch device 3000 is shown in cross section with internal hinge 3300 constraining the bottom member 3100, having the form of a cup to enclose a trailer hitch locking nut, the bottom member 3100 rotating open and shut with respect to the top member 3200. The hole ~~3270~~ 3220 in the top member 3200 is shown, the hole ~~3270~~ 3220 accepting a trailer hitch bolt, which in turn holds the hitch device immovably in place with respect to the trailer hitch. When the top member 3200 and the bottom member 3100 are closed together, the hole 3270 in the lip 3250 of the top member 3200 and the hole 3170 in the lip 3150 of the bottom member 3100 are in alignment to accept a lock to hold the top member 3200 and the bottom member 3100 together.

Delete the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 5 and ending on line 9. Replace this deleted paragraph with the following paragraph.

With reference to FIG. 5, the device 5000 is shown with one possible form factor, wherein a top view shows the internal hinge 5300 holding the top member and the cup. The hole in the top member 5220 is shown, whereby the hole 5220 receives the hitch bolt and is held by the hitch nut. Further the top member lip is shown and the hole therein 5270, whereby the hole 5270 receives the bolt of a lock.